

3. (Twice Amended) The device according to Claim 1, including

means of dialoguing with a user adapted to transmit questions to the user and to receive information from the user in response, and the configuration determination means is also adapted to take into account the information received in response from the user in order to determine the pilot configuration.

9. (Twice Amended) A device for determining conditions of processing to be carried out on data of a document, by at least one input/output means which uses a physical quantity, comprising

quantity determination means for determining at least two quantities related to the document,

means for estimating content of the document adapted to take into account each of the at least two quantities, and

pilot configuration determination means adapted to take into account the content of the document in order to determine a configuration of the pilot of the input output means intended to implement the processing.

14. (Twice Amended) The device according to Claim 9, wherein the

quantity determination means is adapted so that one of the quantities represents a number of pages in the document represented by the document.

20. (Twice Amended) A printer having a device according to Claim 1.

21. (Twice Amended) A facsimile machine, having a device according to Claim 1.

22. (Twice Amended) A modulator-demodulator, having a device according to Claim 1.

23. (Twice Amended) A display screen, having a device according to Claim 1.

24. (Twice Amended) A photographic apparatus, having a device according to Claim 1.

25. (Twice Amended) A camera having an image sensor, including a device according to Claim 1.

26. (Twice Amended) A method of determining conditions for processing to be carried out on data in a file, by at least one input/output means which modulates a physical quantity, comprising:

a step of determining semantics of the processing of the data and
a pilot configuration determination step during which, without modifying the data, the semantics of the said processing of the data is taken into account, in order to determine the configuration of the pilot of the input/output means designated to implement the processing.

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33. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 26, including:

checking availability of input/output means during which an item of information representing unavailability for the processing of the data is transmitted, when the means intended to process the said data is not available for this purpose; and during the determining step, taking into account the unavailability information in order to determine the configuration of another input output means able to implement the processing of the data.

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39. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 38, wherein

during the quantity determination step, one of the quantities represents a number of pages in the document represented by the document.

Please add Claims 48 and 49 as follows:

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--48. (New) A device for determining conditions for processing to be

carried out on data in a file by at least one input/output means which modulates a physical quantity, comprising:

means for determining if at least some data in the file are or may be image data, text data and/or graphics data; and

configuration determination means adapted, without modifying the data, to take into account the determination result obtained by the determination means of the processing of the data for determining a configuration of a pilot of the input/output means designated to implement the processing.